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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN LOBSTER FISHERY

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- 1. EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY RELATED TO STATE A-2381, JUNE 6, 1976.
- 2. REPLY INCORPORATES COPY OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER 345 DATED 3 JULY 1974, WHICH SETS FORTH REGULATIONS REGARDING LOBSTER FISHING IN VENEZUELA IN THE "LOS ROQUES" AREA, AND THE PROHIBITION OF LOBSTER FISHING IN ALL OTHER MARITIME REGIONS OF VENEZUELA. THIS LAW, AND A COPY OF THE REFERENCED LETTER WILL BE POUCHED TO NMFS.
- 3. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT DECREE NUMBER 345 MENTIONED ABOVE HAS AN EFFECTIVE DATE THROUGH 30 NOVEMBER 1976. UPON INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS DECREE HAD BEEN EXTENDED, EMBASSY WAS INFORMED THAT ALTHOUGH PROVISIONS OF THE DECREE CONTINUE IN FORCE FOR THE INDEFINITE FUTURE, NO NEW DECREE WITH MODIFIED TERMINATION DATE HAS BEEN PROMULGATED.
- 4. WITH REGARD TO OTHER SPECIFIC POINTS IN REFTEL, AS DECREE UNCLASSIFIED

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NO. 345 WAS ISSUED IN MID-1974, PRESUMPTION IN PARA 3-B WOULD SEEM TO BE INCORRECT. LOBSTER FISHING REGULATION WOULD SEEM TO BE IN THE INTEREST OF GENERAL CONSERVATION OF THIS RESOURCE.

5. WITH REGARD TO PARA 3-C, THE VENEZUELAN FISHERIES OFFICE HAS, SINCE ISSUANCE OF THE DECREE, INCREASED THE NUMBER OF LOBSTER TRAPS WHICH MAY BE USED BY THE "LOS ROQUES" LOBSTERMEN

FROM 6,000 TO 9,000. ACCORDING TO THE VENEZUELAN FISHERIES OFFICE, THE "LOS ROQUES" LOBSTER FISHERY CONSISTS OF "AROUND 100 FISHERMEN", OPERATING 30 OR 40 BOATS.

6. LETTER FROM FISHERIES OFFICE PROVIDES, ADDITIONALLY,
A) SPECIES OF LOBSTER CAUGHT IN VENEZUELA,
B) 1976 CATCH (122,900 KILOS WITH A VALUE OF BS. 2,139,304)
C) STATEMENT THAT GOV CURRENTLY HAS NO PLANS TO TRY TO INCREASE LOBSTER PRODUCTION.
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